#### CALIFORNIA TAX CREDIT ALLOCATION COMMITTEE

Project Staff Report 2014 Second Round September 24, 2014

**Project Number** CA-14-167

Project Name San Lorenzo Senior Housing

Site Address: 15888 Hesperian Blvd.

San Lorenzo, CA 94580 County: Alameda

Census Tract: 4358.000

Tax Credit AmountsFederal/AnnualState/TotalRequested:\$829,046\$3,230,049Recommended:\$829,046\$3,230,049

**Applicant Information** 

Applicant: Mercy Housing California

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General Partner(s) / Principal Owner(s): Mercy Housing Calwest

General Partner Type: Nonprofit

Parent Company(ies): Mercy Housing California
Developer: Mercy Housing California
Investor/Consultant: Community Economics

Management Agent(s): Mercy Housing Management Group

**Project Information** 

Construction Type: New Construction

Total # Residential Buildings: 1 Total # of Units: 77

No. & % of Tax Credit Units: 76 100% Federal Set-Aside Elected: 40%/60% Federal Subsidy: None

Affordability Breakdown by Units and % (Lowest Income Points):

30% AMI: 8 10 % 40% AMI: 16 20 % 45% AMI: 10 10 % 50% AMI: 42 40 %

### Information

Set-Aside: N/A Housing Type: Seniors

Geographic Area: North and East Bay Region

TCAC Project Analyst: Connie Harina

### **Unit Mix**

4 SRO/Studio Units 70 1-Bedroom Units 3 2-Bedroom Units

77 Total Units

Unit Type & Number	2014 Rents Targeted % of Area Median Income	2014 Rents Actual % of Area Median Income	Proposed Rent (including utilities)
4 SRO/Studio	40%	40%	\$644
7 1 Bedroom	30%	30%	\$517
11 1 Bedroom	40%	40%	\$690
10 1 Bedroom	45%	45%	\$776
42 1 Bedroom	50%	50%	\$862
1 2 Bedrooms	30%	30%	\$621
1 2 Bedrooms	40%	40%	\$828
1 2 Bedrooms	Manager's Unit	Manager's Unit	\$0

# **Project Financing**

Estimated Total Project Cost: \$26,211,612 Estimated Residential Project Cost: \$26,211,612

### Residential

Construction Cost Per Square Foot: \$236
Per Unit Cost: \$340,411

# **Construction Financing**

Source	Amount
Union Bank	\$9,473,897
Alameda County Housing Funds	\$14,467,239
Tax Credit Equity	\$1,000,000

# **Permanent Financing**

Source	Amount	
Union Bank	\$725,000	
Alameda County Housing Funds	\$14,467,239	
Deferred Developer Fee	\$972	
General Partner Equity	\$1,112	
Tax Credit Equity	\$11,017,289	
TOTAL	\$26,211,612	

#### **Determination of Credit Amount(s)**

Requested Eligible Basis: \$10,766,829 130% High Cost Adjustment: No 100.00% Applicable Fraction: \$10,766,829 **Qualified Basis:** Applicable Rate: 7.70% Maximum Annual Federal Credit: \$829,046 **Total State Credit:** \$3,230,049 Approved Developer Fee (in Project Cost & Eligible Basis): \$1,400,000 Investor/Consultant: **Community Economics** Federal Tax Credit Factor: \$1.05794 State Tax Credit Factor: \$0.69550

Per Regulation Section 10322(i)(4)(A), The "as if vacant" land value and the existing improvement value established at application, as well as the eligible basis amount derived from those values, will be used during all subsequent reviews including the placed in service review, for the purpose of determining the final award of Tax Credits.

Per Regulation Section 10327(c)(2)(C), Once established at the initial funded application, the developer fee cannot be increased, but may be decreased, in the event of a modification in basis.

## **Eligible Basis and Basis Limit**

Requested Unadjusted Eligible Basis: \$10,766,829 Actual Eligible Basis: \$22,760,520 Unadjusted Threshold Basis Limit: \$16,513,340 Total Adjusted Threshold Basis Limit: \$19,408,829

### **Adjustments to Basis Limit:**

Local Development Impact Fees

95% of Upper Floor Units are Elevator-Serviced

## **Tie-Breaker Information**

First: Seniors
Second: 73,361%

#### **Cost Analysis and Line Item Review**

Staff analysis of project costs to determine reasonableness found all fees to be within TCAC's underwriting guidelines and TCAC limitations. Annual operating expenses exceed the minimum operating expenses established in the Regulations, and the project pro forma shows a positive cash flow from year one. Staff has calculated federal tax credits based on 7.70% of the qualified basis, or, in the case of acquisition credit or credit combined with federal subsidies, 3.36%. Applicants are cautioned to consider the expected federal rate when negotiating with investors. TCAC's financial evaluation at project completion will determine the final allocation.

**Special Issues/Other Significant Information:** None.

**Legal Status:** Staff has reviewed the Applicant's responses to the questions contained in the Legal Status portion of the Application. No information was disclosed that raised any question regarding the financial viability or legal integrity of the applicant.

# **Local Reviewing Agency:**

The Local Reviewing Agency, the Alameda County Community Development Agency, Housing and Community Development Department, has completed a site review of this project and strongly supports this project.

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends that the Committee make a preliminary reservation of tax credits in the following amount(s) contingent upon standard conditions and any additional conditions imposed by the Committee:

Federal Tax Credits/Annual \$829.046 State Tax Credits/Total \$3,230,049

#### **Standard Conditions**

The applicant must submit all documentation required for a Carryover Allocation and any Readiness to Proceed Requirements elected. Failure to provide the documentation at the time required may result in rescission of the Credit reservation and cancellation of a carryover allocation.

TCAC makes the preliminary reservation only for the project specified above in the form presented, and involving the parties referred to in the application. No changes in the development team or the project as presented will be permitted without the express approval of TCAC.

The applicant must pay TCAC a performance deposit and allocation fee calculated in accordance with regulation. Additionally, TCAC requires the project owner to pay a monitoring fee before issuance of tax forms.

As project costs are preliminary estimates only, staff recommends that a reservation be made in the amount of federal credit and state credit shown above on condition that the final project costs be supported by itemized lender approved costs and certified costs after the buildings are placed in service.

All unexpended funds in reserve accounts established for the project must remain with the project to be used for the benefit of the property and/or its residents, except for the portion of any accounts funded with deferred developer fees.

All fees charged to the project must be within TCAC limitations. Fees in excess of these limitations will not be considered when determining the amount of credit when the project is placed-in-service.

The applicant/owner shall be subject to underwriting criteria set forth in Section 10327 of the regulations through the final feasibility analysis performed by TCAC at placed-in-service.

Credit awards are contingent upon applicant's acceptance of any revised total project cost, qualified basis and tax credit amount determined by TCAC in its final feasibility analysis.

The applicant must ensure the project meets all Additional Threshold Requirements of the proposed project. If points were awarded for service amenities, the applicant will be required to provide such amenity or amenities identified in the application, for a minimum period of ten years and at no cost to the tenants. Applicants that received points for sustainable building methods (energy efficiency) must submit the certification required by Section 10325(c)(6) at project completion. Applicants that received increases (exceptions to limits) in the threshold basis limit under Section 10327(c)(5) must submit the certification required by Section 10322(i)(2) at project completion.

Additional Conditions: None.

	Max. Possible	Requested Points	Points Awarded
Points System	Points		
Cost Efficiency / Credit Reduction / Public Funds	20	20	20
Public Funds	20	20	20
Owner / Management Characteristics	9	9	9
General Partner Experience	6	6	6
Management Experience	3	3	3
Housing Needs	10	10	10
Site Amenities	15	15	15
Within 1/4 mile of transit stop, service every 30 min, 25 units/acre density	7	7	7
Within ¼ mile of public library	3	3	3
Within ¼ mile of a full-scale grocery/supermarket of at least 25,000 sf	5	5	5
Within ¼ mile of a pharmacy	2	2	2
Service Amenities	10	10	10
LARGE FAMILY, SENIOR, AT-RISK HOUSING TYPES			
Service Coordinator, minimum ratio of 1 FTE to 600 bedrooms	5	5	5
Adult ed/health & wellness/skill bldg classes, min. 60 hrs/yr instruction	5	5	5
Sustainable Building Methods	10	10	10
NEW CONSTRUCTION/ADAPTIVE REUSE			
Develop project in accordance w/ requirements of: GreenPoint Rated	5	5	5
Develop project to requirements of: GreenPoint Rated 125	5	5	5
Lowest Income	52	52	52
Basic Targeting	50	50	50
Deeper Targeting – at least 10% of units @ 30% AMI or less	2	2	2
Readiness to Proceed	20	20	20
Miscellaneous Federal and State Policies	2	2	2
Smoke Free Residence	2	2	2
Total Points	148	148	148

<u>Please Note:</u> If more than the maximum Site Amenity points were requested, not all amenities may have been scored and/or verified.

DO NOT RELY ON SCORING IN THIS COMPETITIVE CYCLE FOR FUTURE APPLICATIONS. ALL RE-APPLICATIONS ARE REVIEWED WITHOUT RELIANCE ON PAST SCORING.